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**CORRECTION NOTE**  
**TYPICAL CONFIGURATION FOR ONE-DIMENSIONAL**  
**RANDOM FIELD KAC MODEL<sup>1</sup>**

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Estimate (3.39) which appears in the proof of Proposition 3.4 in [*Ann. Probab.* **27** (1999) 1414–1467] is wrong. We present below a corrected proof which introduces an extra factor 2 in equations (3.34) and (3.35). This has no consequence in the rest of the paper since Proposition 3.4 is used to estimate only ratios; see (3.23) and (3.25).

In Proposition 3.4 in [1], the condition  $m \in \{-1, -1 + 2/|B|, -1 + 4/|B|, \dots, 1 - 2/|B|, 1\}$  has to be added. This is harmless since Proposition 3.4 is used for proving Proposition 3.1, where this assumption is done. Moreover, (3.34) and (3.35) must be replaced respectively by

$$(1.1) \quad \Psi_{z,\alpha,m} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi|B|}\sigma_z} \left( 1 \pm \frac{66}{|B|\sigma_z^2} \right)$$

and

$$(1.2) \quad \Psi_{z,\alpha,m} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi|B|}\sigma_z} \left( 1 \pm \frac{66}{g(|B|)} \right).$$

Below we outline the arguments to get (1.2), the case of (1.1) is similar.

In the proof of Proposition 3.4, inequality (3.39) is clearly wrong for  $k = \pm\pi$ . Since, for  $y \in [0, 1]$ , we have  $|ye^{-2ik} + (1 - y)|^2 = 1 - 2y(1 - y)(1 - \cos(2k))$  and  $1 - s \leq e^{-s}$  for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , it is easy to see that

$$(1.3) \quad \left| \frac{\cosh(x \pm ik)}{\cosh(x)} \right| \leq \exp \left[ -\frac{1 - \cos(2k)}{4 \cosh^2 x} \right]$$

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that replaces (3.39). Then, using  $\cos(x) \leq 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!}$ , it can be checked that, for  $k \in [0, \pi]$ ,

$$(1.4) \quad 1 - \cos(2k) \geq 2 \left(1 - \frac{\pi^2}{12}\right) (k^2 \wedge (k - \pi)^2),$$

from which one gets, for  $k \in [0, \pi]$ ,

$$(1.5) \quad |\Phi(z, \alpha, k)| \leq \exp \left[ -\frac{(1 - \pi^2/12)(k^2 \wedge (k - \pi)^2)}{2} |B| \sigma_z^2 \right],$$

where  $\Phi(z, \alpha, k)$  is defined in (3.38) and  $\sigma_z$  is defined in (3.28) in [1]. Formula (1.5) replaces (3.40) in [1]. As a consequence, (3.41) has to be replaced by

$$(1.6) \quad \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_\rho = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \mathbb{1}_{\{\rho < |k| \leq \pi - \rho\}} \Phi(z, \alpha, -k) e^{ikm|B|} dk.$$

Then choosing as in [1],  $\rho = (\sigma_z \sqrt{|B|})^{-1} f(|B|)$  with

$$(1.7) \quad f(|B|) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{1 - \pi^2/12} \log g(|B|)},$$

where  $g$  is as in Proposition 3.4 in [1], one gets

$$(1.8) \quad |\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_\rho| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi|B|}\sigma_z} \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi(1 - \pi^2/12) \log g(|B|)}} \right) \frac{1}{g(|B|)},$$

that replaces (3.48) in [1]. Calling as in [1] [see (3.45)],

$$(1.9) \quad \Psi_{z, \alpha, m}(\rho) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\rho}^{\rho} e^{ik|B|m} \Phi(z, \alpha, k) dk,$$

introducing the two quantities

$$(1.10) \quad \begin{aligned} I_2 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{-\pi+\rho} e^{ik|B|m} \Phi(z, \alpha, k) dk, \\ I_3 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\pi-\rho}^{\pi} e^{ik|B|m} \Phi(z, \alpha, k) dk. \end{aligned}$$

After simple algebra, using that  $m = -1 + \frac{2l}{|B|}$  for some  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$  and elementary change of variables, one gets the crucial relation

$$(1.11) \quad I_2 + I_3 = \Psi_{z, \alpha, m}(\rho).$$

Now  $\Psi_{z, \alpha, m}$  defined in (3.37) satisfies

$$(1.12) \quad \Psi_{z, \alpha, m} = 2\Psi_{z, \alpha, m}(\rho) + \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_\rho.$$

The extra factor 2 we mention in the abstract is the one in (1.12). Using the same computations done after (3.45) in [1], one gets (1.2).

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